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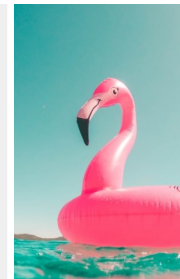
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COUNTY In focus

Learning, living, and leading...together.



"Our hearts are heavy as we observe the struggles, the pain and loss experienced recently throughout our region, state and country. It is our hope that we can emerge from these trying times as agents of positive change, with compassion and respect for all. We will continue to listen, serve, and respond to the needs of our community, drawing strength from each other and from our shared vision of brighter days ahead."

- Frank Rogers, County Administrator

Homemade Service, Stitch by Stitch

Barbie Alleman and Stacey Meyer Recognized for Creating Face Masks

On Friday, May 26, 2020, when Governor Ralph Northam mandated personnel to wear cloth face coverings when they can't maintain 6 feet of social distance at work, many Campbell County employees were already wearing them.

That's because two of our employees, Barbie Alleman (Public Safety) and Stacey Meyer (Public and Employee Relations), not only have kind hearts and extraordinary sewing skills, but they also took the initiative to help their teammates.

Between the two employees, well over 150 cloth masks were made in just a few days for

coworkers, friends and neighbors—at no cost to them.

Barbie and Stacey began making the masks at the mid-April when it was declared a best practice for all essential service workers wear a cloth face covering as a COVID-19 preventive measure.

Both ladies have crafted for ages; Barbie is an accomplished quilter, and Stacey has even tried her hand at custom wedding gowns.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A VOLUNTARY

Moment of Prayer, Reflection and Solidarity

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020; 4:30 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE LAWN

We invite you to join with us as we remember those suffering injustice and loss as well as those who are sworn to protect our communities during these trying times.

It is requested that staff attending be respectful of social distancing to maintain health and safety during our time together.



vrs beneficiary update >>>



In life, changes are inevitable. Which is why it is most important to update your VRS beneficiaries periodically.

Defined Benefit Plans

You can name a beneficiary at any time while you are an **active**, **deferred** or **retired member**.

Submit a [Designation of Beneficiary \(VRS-2\)](#) to VRS to name a beneficiary for your defined benefit member contributions and VRS Group Life and Optional Life Insurance, if you are eligible.

Defined Contribution Plans

If you participate in the [Commonwealth of Virginia 457 Deferred Compensation Plan](#) and [Virginia Cash Match Plan](#), [learn how to designate your beneficiary](#).

You may update your beneficiary directly with VRS; however, please also send a copy to Darlene Cowart, HR and Benefits Coordinator, so we may place it in your employee file.

For more details, please visit the [VRS website on naming a beneficiary](#).

mid-year hsa contribution updates >>>



If you are currently enrolled in the Campbell County High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and would like to change or discontinue your current voluntary monthly HSA contribution or would like to begin making voluntary monthly contributions to your HSA through payroll deduction, please complete, sign and date an HSA Election Form and return it to the Management Services (MS) office by close of business day on **Friday, June 26, 2020**.

This period only allows you to change the contribution amount to your HSA. You may cancel your insurance at any time, but you may not elect to make any changes to your insurance policy, unless you have a qualifying event.

If you have any questions regarding your HSA, health and/or dental insurance, covered services, or general benefits, please contact [Darlene Cowart](#), HR and Benefits Coordinator, at extension 9794 for assistance.

Download the HSA Election Change Form by clicking [here](#). (You must be signed into the portal in order to access this form).

PLEASE NOTE: **If you are currently making HSA contributions through payroll deduction and do not want to make any changes, you do not need to complete this form.*

Voluntary employee Mid-Year HSA contribution elections will take effect with the July payroll.



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around the square >>> employee and family accomplishments

>>>**Congratulations** to Brady Davis, son of Ronna Johnson-Davis (Management Services) on his recent graduation from Longwood University. Brady received a B.S. in Computer Science, with a minor in Cybersecurity, and has accepted a position in Northern Virginia as a Junior Software Development Engineer. Due to Coronavirus, his official graduation will be held on October 10, but we applaud Brady for rolling along - and celebrate his successes! We wish you all the best, Brady!

>>>**Hats off** to Regina Lombardi, daughter of Minna Norris (Finance and Strategic Initiatives) on her recent graduation from Jefferson Forest High School. Regina's next stop—James Madison University! Go, Regina - keep shining!

>>>**Best wishes** to Rebekah Funderburk, daughter of Deputy Nathan Funderburk (Sheriff's Office) and Crystal Funderburk (Public Schools). Rebekah graduated from Rustburg High School on June 1, and plans to attend Hollins College in Roanoke, where she will continue playing basketball. Way to go, Rebekah! We cannot wait to see what you do next!

>>>**We salute** Payden McGuire, daughter of Heather McGuire (Management Services) for her recent graduation from Rustburg High School. Payden plans to attend Longwood University in the fall, and will major in Sociology. We know you're going to do great things, young lady! Congrats!



Brady Davis



Payden McGuire



Regina Lombardi



The Funderburk Family

*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

Peace is always
beautiful.

-Walt Whitman

*Please send submissions to
Beth Worth by
Thursday, June 25 2020.*



local student, firefighter acts swiftly, saves life>>>

A kayaking adventure took a scary turn over the weekend for one woman on the James River.

Jackie Sligh says she and her family have taken a thousand trips on the river, but this one ended differently after a vicious current swept her kayak away.

Thankfully, a teenager was there to help.

"Just that quickly something bad can happen, but also that quickly somebody that didn't even know me was willing to jump in and try to save me," Sligh said.



Photo courtesy of Jalen Thomas/Jackie Sligh.

She says Jalen Thomas risked his life for hers.

"God put him there for me, for the world, for people to see that we can come together and it doesn't matter if we're black or white," she said.

Thomas, a student at Brookville High School and the Campbell County Technical Center, said he hung onto her until a boat was able to pick her up.

"I got in my kayak and I went out there to try and help her get out and I ended up falling out my kayak and I held onto a branch and held on to her and she held onto my kayak," he said.

They both say the moment they reached the shore was one they will never forget.

"As soon as I got back to where we were loading up at, she came up and gave me a hug as soon as she saw me, telling me thank you and it was a pretty great feeling," Thomas said.

"Probably the best reunion I've ever had in my life, I'll never forget it, I'll never forget him, very thankful for him," Sligh added.

Thomas has been with the Evington Fire Department for three years and said helping people is in his nature.

"It was just my natural, you know, how I was raised, just part of myself and my character I guess," he said.

Sligh says she and her family are so thankful for Thomas and how he didn't hesitate to help.

Thomas graduated from Brookville High School on Thursday, June 4, 2020. He and Jackie said they plan to stay in touch.

"Jalen, I love you and I'm thankful for you, I'm always here for you buddy," she said.

what's NOT cooking Campbell? >>>

Popsicle Punch

A refreshing, non-alcoholic beverage to enjoy with your family! Great for hot summer nights!



INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups lemon-lime soda (Sprite works great!)**
- 4 cups lemonade**
- 1 (12-oz.) can seltzer**
- 1 cups sliced strawberries, plus more garnish**
- 2 mangoes, cubed, plus more for garnish**
- 3 Popsicle Strawberry Fruit Pops**
- 3 Popsicle Mango Fruit**

PREPARATION

In a large pitcher, stir together soda, lemonade, seltzer, strawberries, and mangoes. Pour into glasses and garnish rim with a strawberry and mango slice. Place a popsicle in as garnish.

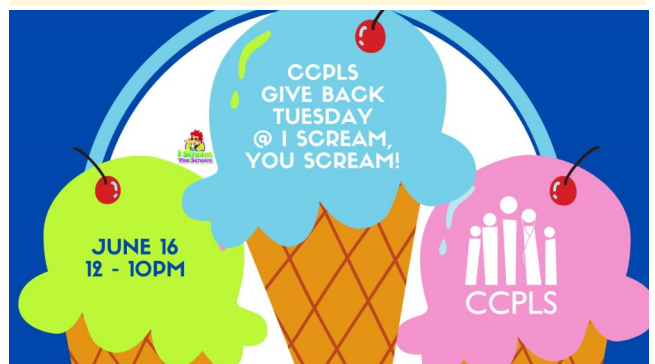
CAMPBELL COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT NOW OFFERING ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CAMPING PERMIT APPLICATION

Campbell County Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to begin offering [online registration](#) for youth and adult programming, as well as camping permits at Long Island Park.

The process is simple. To submit your registration/camping permit application, please click on the respective button. At the end, you will be directed to a thank you page, where you may proceed to your online payment (if applicable).

When making a payment, please type the "ACTIVITY AND YEAR" into the section marked "REFERENCE #" so we may align your payment with the proper registration form.

For full registration guidelines and directions, please click [here](#).

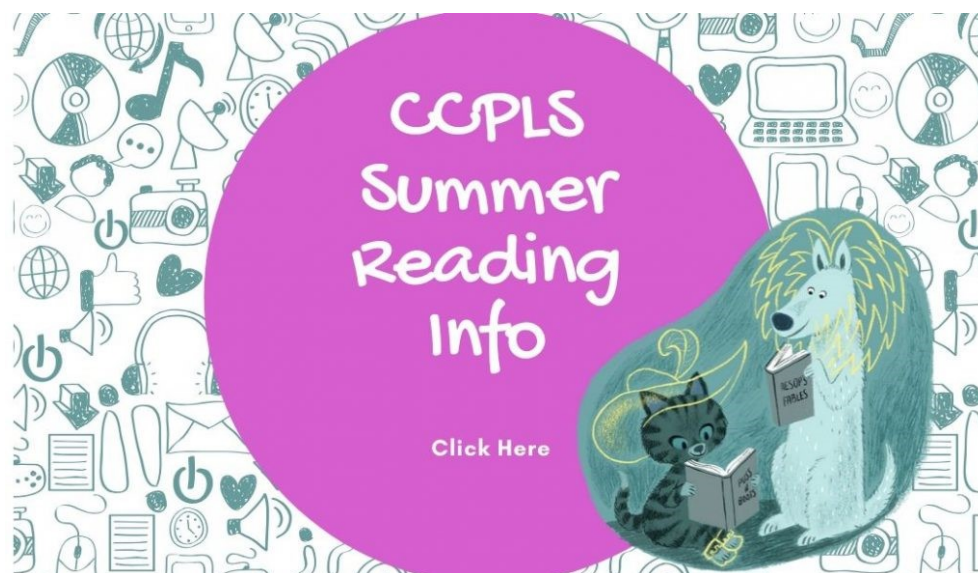


At the Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, Alleman and Meyer were recognized and presented with certificates of appreciation by County Administration for illustrating each element of our core values, and exhibiting such care for the center of our public service—people.

“One of the things that make me most proud of working here is that the folks in Campbell County embody that (our values) day in, and day out,” said Frank Rogers, County Administrator.

Alleman and Meyer have done exactly that—stitch by careful stitch.

Thank you for serving not only our locality daily in your respective positions, but for using both your time and your creative talents to help others—employees like you make a difference, not just a living!



community events >>>

CCPLS GIVE BACK TUESDAY

Tuesday, June 16, 2020;
noon - 10 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, drive-thru or walk-up to I Scream, You Scream and 10% of the sales will benefit Campbell County Public Library System! Purchase some ice cream (or more!) anytime from noon to 10pm.

This event is part of the I Scream, You Scream Give Back Tuesday Program and will take place on I Scream, You Scream property, located at 13955 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501 (Food Lion Shopping Center).

thank you >>>

As we migrate into Governor Northam's Phase 2, and many of us begin to return to our work stations, we would like to collectively thank the staff of the Department of Information Technology for their assistance during the onset of the Covid-19/ Coronavirus pandemic.

IT Staff worked collaboratively to provide our employees with the ability to work from home, which helped maximize our productivity while minimizing exposure.

Thank you to our heroes behind the scene who have kept us connected to each other, and the public during a time of social distancing.

You all are simply the best!

Final thoughts

We all want to be safe, and our safety is intertwined, says Tracie Keesee, cofounder of the Center for Policing Equity. Sharing lessons she's learned from 25 years as a police officer, Keesee states, “We must move forward together. There's no more us versus them; there's only US.”



Please click on the photo above;
make sure your speakers are on.

In this TedTalk, Keesee reflects on the public safety challenges faced by both the police and local neighborhoods, as well as the opportunities we all have preserving dignity and guaranteeing justice.

